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Dorothy Berkowitz, Henriette Berkowitz

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PROGRAM

Hungarian Dance No. 6 - Brahms

Allegretto Scherzando Symphony No. 8 - Beethoven

~~Dorothy and Henriette Berkowitz~~

Warum? - Schumann

Des Abends - Schumann

Ecossaises - Beethoven-Busoni

En Bateau - Debussy

Valse brillante Op. 34 No. 3 - Chopin

Henriette Berkowitz

Aufschwung - Schumann

Chant d' amour - Stojowski

Arabesque No. 1 - Debussy

Cradle Song - Brahms-Grainger

Scherzo - Mendelssohn

Valse Op. 34 No. 1 - Chopin

Dorothy Berkowitz

Andante Cantata. Treble & Bass
Awake up, my glory Rogers.
Jaume. Bible
Marche Religieuse Guillemet

Intermezzi ——— Mascagni
O Holy Savior Berwald.
Offertory ——— Thome
Valse Thauhauser Marche Wagner

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BERKOWITZ FIRM FOUNDED YEARS AGO

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Thirty-one years ago, H. Berko-

witz, then a young man of 21 years, opened his first luggage store in Terre Haute. That was the beginning of the institution, now located at 669 Wabash Avenue, which provides Terre Haute and Wabash Valley residents with such fine lines of luggage as Hartmann, Wheary, Oshkosh and the new Stratosphere luggage by Haliburton.

Presently associated with his father in the firm is Nathan Berkowitz, an aggressive and promising young business man who has inherited his distinguished father's foresight and propensity to make fast friends. Nathan Berkowitz joined the firm at the first of this year.

H. Berkowitz, founder and present head of the firm, is known throughout the Middle West in luggage circles as one of the outstanding authorities on luggage styles. His judgment and knowledge of luggage have enabled him to place in his store a superb collection of exquisite creations in leather.

Mr. Berkowitz has surrounded himself with a competent sales force who, under his direction, have learned the business thoroughly and can discuss the many phases of their business most intelligently with their many clients. Mr. Berkowitz has been recognized as an excellent executive and his courteous and friendly sales staff have caught the community spirited enthusiasm of their employer.

The staff includes Noble S. Thompson, who with the Messrs. Berkowitz, serve customers in the luggage and small leather goods department; Helen Basden, Alice Drake and Doris Kumerick, all of the handbag department.

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Howard P. Berkowitz

by John A. Zucker

into the fray

How does a guy from Terre Haute, Indiana handle the dual roles of Wall Street maven and national Jewish leader?

By being a busy person—and Howard P. Berkowitz is a busy man. In the penthouse office of the private investment fund he manages on Seventh Avenue, members of his staff queue up for precious moments of his time and attention. Sitting behind a broad wing-shaped desk of Italian marble, a spectacular view of Central Park filling in the space like a mural behind him, Berkowitz is buried beneath piles of ana-

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courtesy of Anti-Defamation League



Berkowitz with ADL National Director Abe Foxman and Jordan's King Hussein.

lysts' reports, public policy journals and publications. You get the feeling he doesn't mind an interruption. He focuses like a laser and you can stop worrying that maybe you've caused him to lose his train of thought. You haven't. When he gets engaged, he gets things done and he makes a difference.

Get Berkowitz started on his interests and he moves seamlessly from value investing (HPB Associates), to cancer research (following the death of a close friend, he endowed a research center at Memorial Sloan Kettering), to the University of Pennsylvania (his alma mater), to the New York City Ballet (he sits on the board), to skiing at Vail (his retreat), to the Anti-Defamation League (he is the new national chairman). And you've only scratched the surface.

Opportunities to make a lasting difference in the world are few and far between. Last year, however, Berkowitz was given his biggest opportunity yet. When the Anti-Defamation League's national commissioners elected him their national chairman in November 1997, they elevated this 22-year ADL activist to their top position and placed on his shoulders one of

the toughest challenges a Jewish leader can expect to face in his or her lifetime.

The person who will lead the nation's premier civil rights and human relations agency into the next century has to be a person of courage and vision, savvy and tenacity. Most of all, the job calls for a person whose personal commitment to ADL's *raison d'être*, "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment for all citizens alike," is fundamental to his being.

The national commissioners chose wisely.

Berkowitz grew up in Terre Haute, in a community with few Jews and no outward manifestations of anti-semitism. At times, he and his twin brother, Steve, were the only Jews in their school. He recalls his formative years as a period of civic harmony and undisputed tolerance. "I never felt excluded. I counted people of different races, ethnic groups and religions among my friends. My upbringing was really as close to the American ideal as one could get."

His first encounter with antisemitism came at summer camp when he fought a

kid who had called him a kike. Although he won the fight, he lost his leadership position at camp. From this pivotal experience, he learned there are better ways to confront bigots.

In his early 30s, Berkowitz attended a dinner where Arnold Forster, now ADL's general counsel, spoke of an organization that he called the conscience of the world. Berkowitz was immediately hooked on the Anti-Defamation League.

Over the years, as he built his private investment firm into a respected and successful fund on Wall Street, Berkowitz increased his involvement in ADL. Through his exposure to the League's many activities, he became more aware of the dangers confronting future generations of Americans.

Berkowitz's passion for ADL and for the other priorities in his life: family, education, philanthropy and skiing—are best understood through the eyes of his wife and companion of 33 years, Judy.

Reflecting on their lives, she explains, "Life with Howard is always a great adventure. Whatever he does, whether it's traveling, skiing, being with his family, or the stock market, he pursues his goal tirelessly. Fortunately, Howard doesn't require much sleep. Recently, on a whirlwind trip through the Middle East, he visited four world leaders in three countries in three days. It's not easy to get from Jordan to Israel to Egypt and then to call home and work out stock market strategies while everyone else in the Middle East is asleep."

Judith Roth Berkowitz grew up in Far Rockaway, Long Island. She is president of Jarby, Inc., a buying office for women's fashions, which she started in 1984. Before founding Jarby, she developed her expertise in fashion as a co-founder and president of Whodunnit Fashions, a multi-line office representing American designers. Judy Berkowitz pur-

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sues her interest in education as chairman of the board of the Center for Educational Innovation, a think-tank for education policy.

As a couple, Howard and Judy are two strong and independent thinkers who don't hesitate to disagree. Whether the issue is as mundane as painting the house or as prickly as tackling the clash between education reform and the separation of church and state, they bring two exceptional and mutually respectful minds to the debate. When in doubt, Howard never hesitates to consult Judy, implicitly trusting her judgment and political intuition. Friends readily acknowledge they are a formidable couple.

They met while students at the University of Pennsylvania. He was studying business at the Wharton School and she graduated with a B.S. in education from the college. Through the years their bond with Penn has only grown stronger. Judy is currently a trustee of the university and Howard serves on the Wharton undergraduate executive board. Judy is a founding member and past chair of the Trustees' Council of Penn Women and chairman of the board of overseers of the Graduate School of Education. She also sits on the executive committee of the university's health system. Their commitment to Penn and to education led them to establish the Judy and Howard Berkowitz Chair in Education in 1995. This year, Howard is receiving Penn's Alumni Award of Merit—the highest honor bestowed by Penn's alumni association upon one of its own—for his outstanding service to the university.

They have two children: their daughter, Sandy, is a graduate of Penn, has lived in China, speaks Mandarin, and now operates her own business, AcuHerb Whole Health, which provides herbal remedies and acupuncture treatments. Their son, Roger, graduated from Amherst College and is currently earning a joint



Berkowitz with Israeli Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon examining maps of the West Bank.

Ph.D. in jurisprudence and social policy at the University of California, Berkeley.

About Howard's motivation, Judy says, "What really moves Howard is the power that comes from his heart. With his very big heart, he embraces his family and friends and tries to make a better world. He shares his love with the wider Jewish community, humankind and us. You can see his passion in his reaction to the rash of black church burnings that arsonists set throughout the South. Offended by this horrible affront to his sense of right and wrong, Howard reached out to African-American leaders to make ADL a central player in an ongoing effort to increase understanding and speak out forcefully against hate."

Taking the reigns at ADL, Berkowitz's strength and commitment were quickly tested. He was almost immediately confronted with one of the most pernicious challenges to his own, and ADL's beliefs: the Istook consti-

tutional amendment. Sponsored by Rep. Ernest Istook (R-OK), HJ Res. 78 sought to amend the Bill of Rights to allow official school prayer and government funding of religious institutions, a distinct challenge to the concept of separation of church and state. Requiring a two-thirds majority of 285 votes to pass, it actually received 223 votes in the Republican-dominated Congress.

Berkowitz explains.

"We had our work cut out for us," says Berkowitz. "I had been taking my own informal poll among dozens of my friends and colleagues—all bright, educated, sophisticated folks—and virtually none had ever heard of the Istook Amendment or had any idea of the severity of the threat to our religious freedoms."

To fight the Istook Amendment, ADL rolled out a plan to use its 30 offices around the country to educate its constituency and the broader public, and lobby Washington from the grassroots. "Although the Istook Amendment was defeated," Berkowitz argues, "the margin was closer than we would have preferred. We can definitely expect it—or something like it—to resurface before long. When it does, we're committed to the fight. More than any other value, our founding fathers built this country on religious freedom. That's freedom for all religions, not just the majority one."

Berkowitz is alarmed at another hot-button issue that today threatens both religious liberty and the education of our young people. He is a committed opponent of publicly funded school vouchers, and he is leading ADL into the forefront of this highly contentious issue. Vouchers violate the First Amendment by providing direct government financing to religious institutions. But for many communities that feel the public schools have failed them, vouchers seem to offer a way out. Both Howard and Judy have followed

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this issue closely through her leadership at the Center for Educational Innovation, and they understand the dilemma.

Howard gets quickly to the point: "Vouchers are a recipe for splitting this country into social cantons. We're going to see publicly financed Nation of Islam schools, right-wing militia schools, and a new host of ethnic and religious schools. Let's remember that private schools can and do discriminate on many grounds. They also indoctrinate." Berkowitz doesn't believe people are going to want their tax dollars going to support schools they consider radical or extreme. As a final important point, he argues that vouchers will only succeed in draining vital dollars from the public school system.

Taking the reigns at ADL also means leading an organization with a vast international reach. Berkowitz has represented ADL in Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Israel, Jordan and Egypt in just his first six months on the job. "At every opportunity," he explains, "we offer our expertise and educational training programs designed to fight bigotry and teach tolerance. Already, we are active in Germany, Japan and Israel and are expanding into half a dozen other European countries."

From his childhood days in Terre Haute to his lightweight football days at Penn, Berkowitz has envisioned a world where racial and ethnic differences are sources of strength rather than division. He learned early on that people are not born bigots; they learn their prejudices. He is convinced that through education we can reverse the curse of bigotry and antisemitism in future generations.



Howard and Judy Berkowitz celebrating their anniversary during ADL's mission to the Baltic States, August 1997.

Berkowitz is a forceful advocate and fundraiser for ADL's premier counter-prejudice educational programs. He cites, for example, the Children of the Dream program, which brings together young non-Jewish American students with young Ethiopian-Israeli Jews to dash stereotypes about each other. They meet first in the United States and then are reunited in Israel.

Berkowitz is also proud of a relatively new program called the Youth Leadership Mission. "This year we took about 75 high school kids from half a dozen cities and brought them to Washington, D.C., to tour the Holocaust Museum, participate in seminars with survivors, learn about the importance of tolerance and the evil of bigotry and introduce them to national political

leaders. The kids then go on to become peer trainers back in their own schools and communities. For every kid, it was an unforgettable experience."

For Berkowitz, the concept that diversity is our strength carries over to the Jewish community as well. As ADL's leader, he is in the hot seat on the contentious issue of Jewish pluralism and the tensions between Jews in Diaspora and Israel over conversion. He insists the issue now is really Jewish civility. "Before we can hope to resolve issues of pluralism we have to be able to talk to each other. I really think the rhetoric surrounding the conversion issue is too heated. Conservatives and liberals, observant and secular seem to have little aversion to savaging and delegitimizing each other. This has to stop. Yes, we as Jews need to have a discussion about what it means to be Jewish in Israel, but we need to treat each other with respect as we do it. We also need to remind each other that this quarrel within the family in no way lessens our universal support for Israel."

Judy Berkowitz says, "Howard lives like he skis. He goes fast, not only for the thrill, but also so he has time to get in more runs. He keeps his eyes trained down the run, not bothered by bumps and rocky terrain because he knows what he has to do to reach the bottom, and he muscles his way down when finesse fails. But he gets there. I know that during his term as ADL national chairman, he'll have his share of bumps and rocky trails. He'll try to go too fast and I'll be running as fast as I can to keep up. But this trip with ADL is where he wants to go, where he is ready to go and what he has been, in a way, training for all his life."

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